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Representations from the retrenched personnel of the Civil Supplies Department.

* 214 Q.—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the personnel employed in the Ration and Supply departments were given individual notices before they were retrenched and, if not, why;

(b) how many persons were involved in the retrenchment and what the Government propose to do with them; and

(c) whether the Government have received any representations from them?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" (a) The persons retrenched from the Civil Supplies Department as a result of decontrol were not given individual notices. In lieu of the notice, they were granted an ex-gratia payment at the rates mentioned below:—

Persons with one year's service and less—One month's pay.

Persons with more than one year's service but not more than two years—Two months' pay.

Persons with more than two years' service—Three months' pay.

" (b) A statement showing the number of persons retrenched from the Civil Supplies Department as a result of decontrol has been placed on the table of the House for information with reference to Starred Question No. 213.

" The retrenched personnel consists of:

(i) persons taken on loan from other Departments of Government; and (ii) outsiders with no lien in any Department of Government. The former, on the abolition of the posts in the Civil Supplies Department, have reverted to their permanent departments. As regards the latter they are mostly clerks and peons. Such of these persons belonging to the grade of clerks as had put in a service of three years on 1st October 1950, were permitted to appear for special Examinations for recruitment to Ministerial Services conducted by the Madras Public Service Commission in February 1952 and June 1952 and the candidates selected by the Madras Public Service Commission will be absorbed in the regular departments of the Government. The question of granting certain other concessions to these persons is under consideration.

" (c) Yes."

11 a.m. Sri C. V. K. RAO:—" Have the Government any proposal to absorb this retrenched personnel, Sir? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" Yes, certain of them will be absorbed if possible."

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Sri T. VISWANATHAM :—" With reference to clause (c) enquiring whether the Government have received any reperesentations, the Hon. Minister was pleased to give the very comprehensive answer ' Yes '. When a question of that type is put, we expect the Hon. Minister to say something about the substance of the representation and what the Government propose to do with what has been represented. May I know from the Hon. Minister what the representation was and what action he is going to take on it? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Whenever such questions are put, hon. Members are already in possession of a copy of the representation. That was why I thought that it was not necessary to include the details in the answer. However, as the hon. Leader of the Opposition wants, I may say that the following are the important points made in the representations :—

(1) Steps should be taken to retain and absorb the retrenched personnel on the same pay and allowance which they drew at the time of discharge. For giving them immediate relief, orders may be passed to absorb them in the Community Projects Department.

(2) If it is not possible to absorb them, such of those who have been disbanded may be given some gratuity in consideration of the services rendered.

(3) Till all the officers are absorbed in regular service, further recruitment may be stopped.

(4) Steps may be taken to make provision for low-paid staff.

The Board has been consulted on these suggestions and its final report is awaited."

Employees retrenched as a result of decontrol.

* 215 Q.—Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state how many employees of the Government have been retrenched consequent upon the abolition of food control?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" A statement showing the number of posts retrenched as a result of decontrol, has been placed on the table of the House for information, with reference to question No. 213."

Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" ఈ retrenched personnel నుంచి కమ్యూనిటీ ప్రాజెక్టులలోకి ఎంత మందిని తీసుకొన్నారో చెప్పగలరా ? "

Sri T. VISWANATHAM :—" How many of them have been absorbed in Government service and whether any of them have been absorbed in the Community Projects Scheme? "